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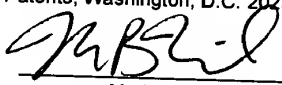
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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER DATED JULY 9, 1997

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 29, 1996, and the communication from the Examiner dated July 9, 1997.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants restate their election, without traverse, to prosecute claims 47-73 and 75-80, i.e., the Group I claims. Further, Applicants elect that, with regard to claims 47, 58, and 59, the species of chimeric opioid receptors (claims 48-52 and 63-67) be initially examined with regard to these generic claims. Should a generic claim be

held allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the claims drawn to the species of truncated or mutant delta opioid receptors and truncated or mutant kappa opioid receptors be added into the prosecution.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 418-3035 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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